

TEXT OF CLAIMS CURRENTLY UNDER EXAMINATION:

1. **(Currently amended)** A method for storing adhesive compositions comprising:
  - (a) dispensing an uncured adhesive into a container in which the walls of the container are a thermoplastic material having (i) a thickness of 0.0254 mm to 0.762 mm or (ii) a thickness of 0.0254 to 1.524 mm and are roughened to have a mean roughness value ( $R_a$ ) of greater than 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$ , and having a flexural modulus of less than or equal to 1240 MPa.
  - (b) freezing the adhesive within the container, and
  - (c) storing the adhesive while frozen.
2. **(Currently amended)** The method according to claim 1 in which the thermoplastic material is injection moldable ~~and has a flexural modulus of less than or equal to 1240 MPa.~~
3. **(Original)** The method according to claim 2 in which the thermoplastic material is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, ethylene-ethyl acrylate copolymer, ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer, high density polyethylene, low density polyethylene, ethylene-octene copolymer, ethylene-hexene copolymer, ethylene-butene copolymer, polypropylene homopolymer, polypropylene copolymer, and polypropylene random copolymer.
4. **(Original)** The method according to claim 1 in which the container is a syringe or a syringe within a rigid sleeve.
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7. **(Previously presented)** The method according to claim 1 or claim 10 in which the walls of the container are roughened by: adding contours to the interior walls of the container during fabrication, mechanical abrasion, plasma etching, chemical etching, or corona discharge.
8. **(Withdrawn)** A container in which the walls of the container are a thermoplastic material and

(i) have a thickness of 0.0254 mm to 0.762 mm or

(ii) have a thickness of 0.0254 to 1.524 mm and are roughened to have a mean roughness value of greater than 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**9. (Withdrawn)** The container according to claim 8 in which the container is a syringe or a syringe within a rigid sleeve.

**10. (Currently amended)** A method for storing adhesive compositions comprising:

(a) dispensing an uncured adhesive into a container in which the walls of the container are a thermoplastic material having a thickness of 0.0254 mm to 1.524 mm and are roughened to have a mean roughness value ( $R_a$ ) of greater than 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$ , and having a flexural modulus of less than or equal to 1240 MPa

(b) freezing the adhesive within the container, and

(d) storing the adhesive while frozen.

**11. (Currently amended)** The method according to claim 10 in which the thermoplastic material is injection moldable ~~and has a flexural modulus of less than or equal to 1240 MPa.~~

**12. (Previously presented)** The method according to claim 11 in which the thermoplastic material is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, ethylene-ethyl acrylate copolymer, ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer, high density polyethylene, low density polyethylene, ethylene-octene copolymer, ethylene-hexene copolymer, ethylene-butene copolymer, polypropylene homopolymer, polypropylene copolymer, and polypropylene random copolymer.

**13. (Previously presented)** The method according to claim 10 in which the container is a syringe or a syringe within a rigid sleeve.